(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government propose to invite private parties to step up indigenous oil production?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) The indigenous production of crude oil during 1989-90 was about 34. 09 Million Tonnes as against the consumption of 51. 94 Million Tonnes.

(b) and (c) The size and number of exploratory wells in a basin depend upon the number of prospects present in the basin and their volume as well as depth of reserves.

(d) The proposal regarding inviting private parties to explore for oil and gas in India under a fourth round of bidding is under consideration of the Government.

Supply of Natural Gas **to Ahmedabad** City **through Pipelines**

*112. SHRI ANATRAY DEVSHAN-KER DAVE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gujarat Government has made a proposal to the Central Government for supply of natural gas to Ahmedabad city through a pipeline; and

(b) if so, what decision has been taken by the Central Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In view of the present availability and existing commitments of gas in the region it has not yet been possible to allocate natural gas for the project.

Survey **Report on the Allotment of New LPG Distributorships in Tripura**

•113, SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Assam Oil Corpora tion has submitted a Survey Report identifying some new areas for allot ment of new LPG distributorships;

(b) whether Government are con templating to appoint new LPG distri butors at Agartala and Belonia towns of Tripura;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what are the criteria for selection of new areas or places for LPG distribution?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The survey has established potential for setting up new Distributorships at Agartala, Belonia, Teh-muro and Bishalgarh towns. These would be commissioned in a phased manner depending upon product availability.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) According to the present policy LPG Distributorships are being introduced in towns cities with a population of 20, 000 and above (as per 1931 census) in a phased manner, which offer viable distributorships, subject to overall product availability.

अनुसूचित जाति/अनुसूचित जनजाति के लोगों को एल० पी० जी० वितरकों के रूप में नियुक्ति

*114. श्री राम अवधेश सिंह : क्या पैट्रोलियम और रसायन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि एल०पी० जी. का डीलर नियुक्त किये जाने के के मामले में अनुसूचित जाति और अनु-सूचित जनजाति के लोगों के लिये 25 प्रतिशत आरक्षण का प्रावधान है ;

(ख) दिसम्बर, 1990 के अन्त में विद्यमान विभिन्न आयल कम्पनियों द्वारा आबंटित एल०पी०जी० की खुदरा दुकानों/मिट्टी के तेल की वितरण दुकानों की राज्यवार संख्या क्या है ; और

(ग) इनमें से अनुसूचित जाति और अनुसूचित जनजाति के लोगों को कितनी दुकानें आबंटित की गई है?

पेट्रोलियम और रसायन मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्री (श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) और (ग) 1-4-1990 की यथास्थिति के अनुसार ब्यौरा को दर्शाने वाला विवरण सभा पटल पर रख दिया गया है । दिसम्बर, 1990 के अन्त तक की सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

विवरण

1-4-1990 को मौजूद एल० पी० जी० डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरों, एस० के० ओ०—एल० डी० ओ० के वितरकों की संख्या

राज्य/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र	एल०पी०जी. डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिप			एस० के० ओ०-एल०डी० ओ० वितरण केन्द्र		
	कुल	एस०सी०	एस०टी०	कुल	एस०सी०	एस०टी०
1 2	3			4		
1. आन्ध्र प्रदेश	332	36	11	599	26	5
2. अरुणाचल प्रदेश	10	—	5	25	—	12
3. असम	87	10	7	338	12	13
4. बिहार	137	17	10	362	12	3
5. गोवा	27	3	—	17	—	—
9. गुजरात	278	15	24	439	13	24
7. हरियाणा	112	24	—	137	9	—
8. हिमाचल प्रदेश	33	6	2	24	2	—
9. जम्मू और कश्मीर	53	5	—	30	3	—
10. कर्नाटक	222	38	2	296	17	—
11. केरल	154	34	—	237	3	—
12. मध्य प्रदेश	207	11	21	333	19	5
13. महाराष्ट्र	527	32	32	624	41	27
14. मणिपुर	8	—	3	32	—	7
15. मेघालय	9	—	5	33	1	15
16. मिजोरम	5	—	3	12	—	2
17. नागालैंड	11	—	9	19	—	6
18. उड़ीसा	75	6	8	163	5	2
19. पंजाब	151	27	—	228	6	—
20. राजस्थान	141	16	10	229	8	3

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21.	सिक्किम	2	—	—	7	—	—
22.	तमिलनाडु	298	55	2	452	19	—
23.	त्रिपुरा	9	—	4	39	—	1
24.	उत्तर प्रदेश	403	63	—	636	19	—
25.	पश्चिम बंगाल	212	39	6	424	25	5
	संघ राज्य क्षेत्र						
26.	अंडमान निकोबार	1	—	—	1	—	—
27.	चंडीगढ	24	6	—	10	1	—
28.	दादर और नगर हवेली	—	—	—	1	—	—
29.	दमन और दीव	2	—	—	4	—	—
30.	दिल्ली	202	23	—	85	9	—
31.	लक्षद्वीप	1	—	—	—	—	—
32.	पांडिचेरी	5	1	—	3	1	—
	योग :	3738	457	161	5841	248	130

Pending; Power Projects of West Bengal

*116. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE; Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Electricity Authority has received several proposals for power projects from the State of West Bengal during th$_6$ last three months for approval by the Central Government;

(b) whether these proposals are still awaiting clearance;

(c) whether the State has furnished information to all the queries made by the CEA and other concerned authrities; and

(d) if so what are the reasons for not giving clearance to these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI KALYAN SINGH KALVI): fa) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Survey on Significance of Vedas, for common people

*118. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT b$_e$ pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted on the significance of Vedas for the common people; and

(b) if not, whether Government propose to conduct such a survey?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAJMANGAL PANDE): ($_a$) No, Sir.

(b) No such proposal is under consideration at present.

Purchase of Surplus Hydel Power from Nepal

*119. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state-.

.. (a) whether Government have agreed to buy all the surplus hydel power generated by Nepal;